

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Elk Hunting Season (Any Elk)

Chapter 41:06:27

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 4-5, 2022	Pierre
	Public Hearing	April 7, 2022	Watertown
	Finalization	April 7-8, 2022	Watertown

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: October 1-31, 2022
October 1-31, 2023

Licenses: No more than 20 resident "Any Elk" licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. The unit is open within the boundaries of Custer State Park.
2. Any elk that is harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the total number of available licenses from 9 "any elk" licenses to no more than 20 "any elk" licenses.
2. Administrative rule clean-up for season dates.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Updated population objectives and the recommended number of licenses will be shared at the March Commission meeting once preliminary harvest estimates have been obtained and population modeling exercises have been completed.

Of the nine any elk licenses issued for Custer State Park, eight will be valid specifically for Custer State Park and the ninth any elk license will be made available to a non-governmental organization as a raffle license that is valid in Custer State Park and any Black Hills elk hunting unit in which an any elk license is issued.

Year	Licenses	Applicants	Success Rate
2011	11	12,060	91%
2012	4	11,133	100%
2013	4	12,888	100%
2014	4	11,762	100%
2015	8	9,136	100%
2016	9	8,951	89%
2017	9	8,828	89%
2018	9	8,670	89%
2019	9	8,949	89%
2020	9	9,385	89%

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DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:27:01. Custer State Park elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses -- Season dates. The Custer State Park elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season and is restricted by chapter 41:06:07. No more than ~~nine~~ 20 "any elk" licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park elk hunting season. The Custer State Park elk hunting season for Unit CUE-CU1 is open October 1-31 ~~through~~ ~~December 31~~.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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